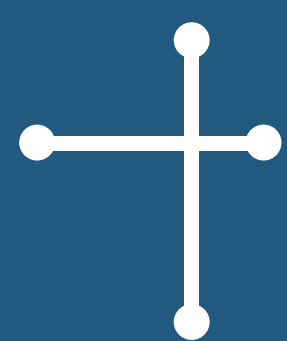
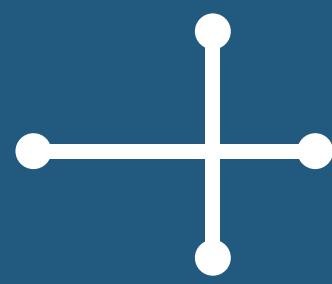
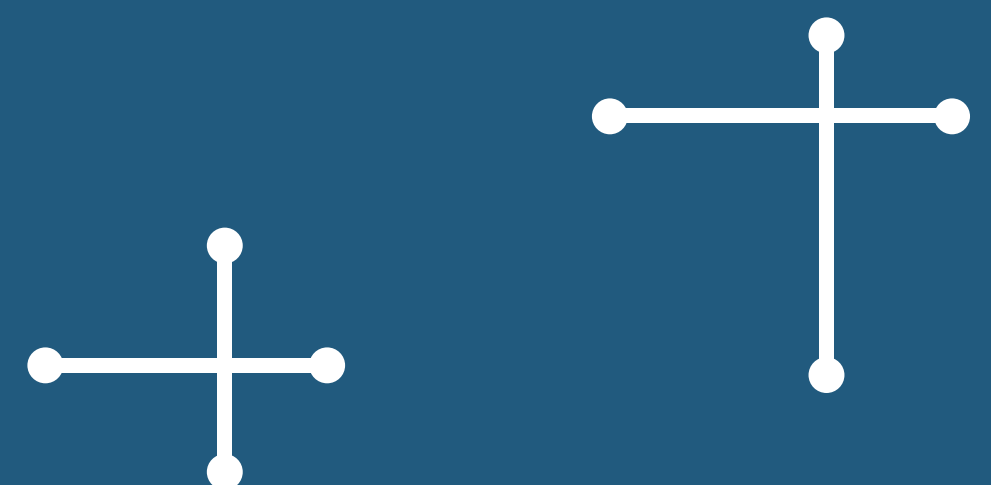
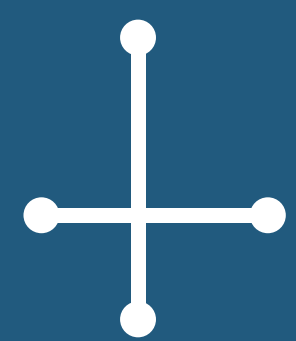


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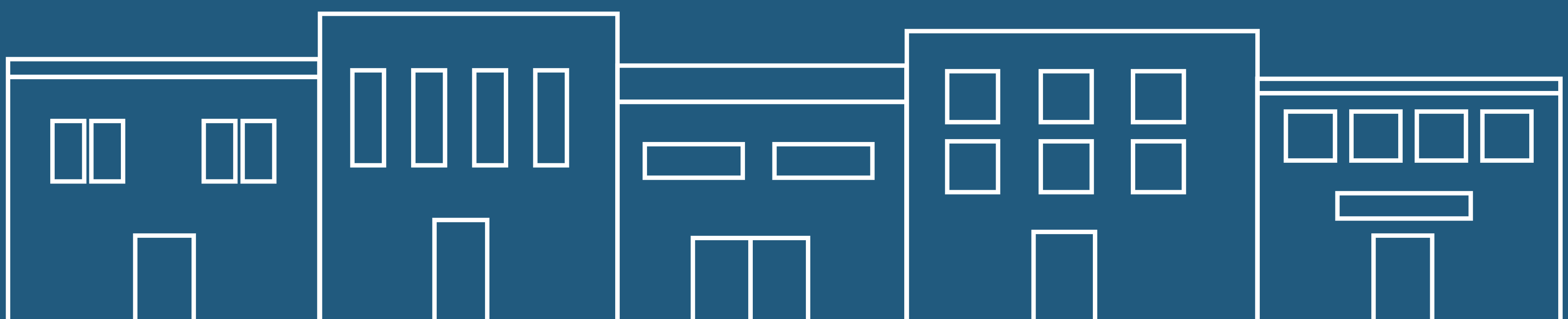
Master Plan



Welcome the second Downtown Berkley Master Plan Community Open House!

The first phase of the project culminated in a State of the Downtown report, which outlined the existing conditions of Downtown Berkley, and set the stage for the community's vision for Downtown's future. Using that as the guide, our team of urban planners and designers, parking and transportation experts, and business development specialists have created a series of concepts and strategies to revitalize Downtown Berkley. These concepts are the beginnings of what will become the Downtown Berkley Master Plan, so we need your input to be sure these ideas capture the future you hope to see in Downtown Berkley.

Please use the survey provided to share your thoughts!



PLANNING PROCESS

PHASE 1: PUBLIC VISIONING

- Project Start Meeting /
Downtown Tour + Field Work /
Task Force Meeting
- Stakeholder Listening Sessions
- Community Open House #1 /
Field Office Activation
- Stakeholder Interview +
Workshop Summary
- State of the Downtown
Summary Report

SEPTEMBER 2018 - JANUARY 2019

The planning process is organized into three phases: Public Visioning, Technical Plan, Final Plan and Adoption.

The first phase establishes a dynamic community planning process and creates a comprehensive information base through which to understand the existing conditions in Downtown Berkley.

PHASE 2: TECHNICAL PLAN

- Vision, Goals + Objectives
Task Force Meeting
- Community Open House #2/
Field Office Activation
- Draft Downtown Plan +
Open House Summary
- Task Force Review Meeting

you are here!

JANUARY - MARCH 2019

During the second phase, the vision and goals of the plan are outlined, and concepts and recommendations for physical enhancements and placemaking, transportation improvements, and business development will be crafted and ultimately formalized into a draft Downtown Plan.

PHASE 3: FINAL PLAN + ADOPTION

- Second Draft Downtown Plan/
Updated DDA Strategic Plan
- Task Force Meeting /
Interactive Forum
- Third Draft Downtown Plan
- DDA Board Presentation
- Planning Commission &
City Council Presentation

MARCH - MAY 2019

In the third and final phase, the Downtown Plan will go through a series of revisions before it is ultimately adopted by the City and the DDA.

This is your plan—your participation and input are critical in shaping the Downtown Berkley Master Plan. We look forward to hearing what you think about the concepts presented!

COMMUNITY INPUT

The following exhibits highlight community responses from the first open house, the field office, as well as the online survey. A full summary of results is outlined in the State of Downtown Berkley report. Quotes from these community responses are sprinkled throughout the open house exhibits.

Strengths & Weaknesses

Open House attendees and survey respondents were asked two open-ended questions about Downtown’s strengths and weaknesses, respectively. Collective and universal themes emerged from the responses for each, which are highlighted in the graphics to the right.

DOWNTOWN BERKLEY’S STRENGTHS

“Easy to walk to with some unique shops and buildings”



DOWNTOWN BERKLEY’S WEAKNESSES



Downtown Berkley is...

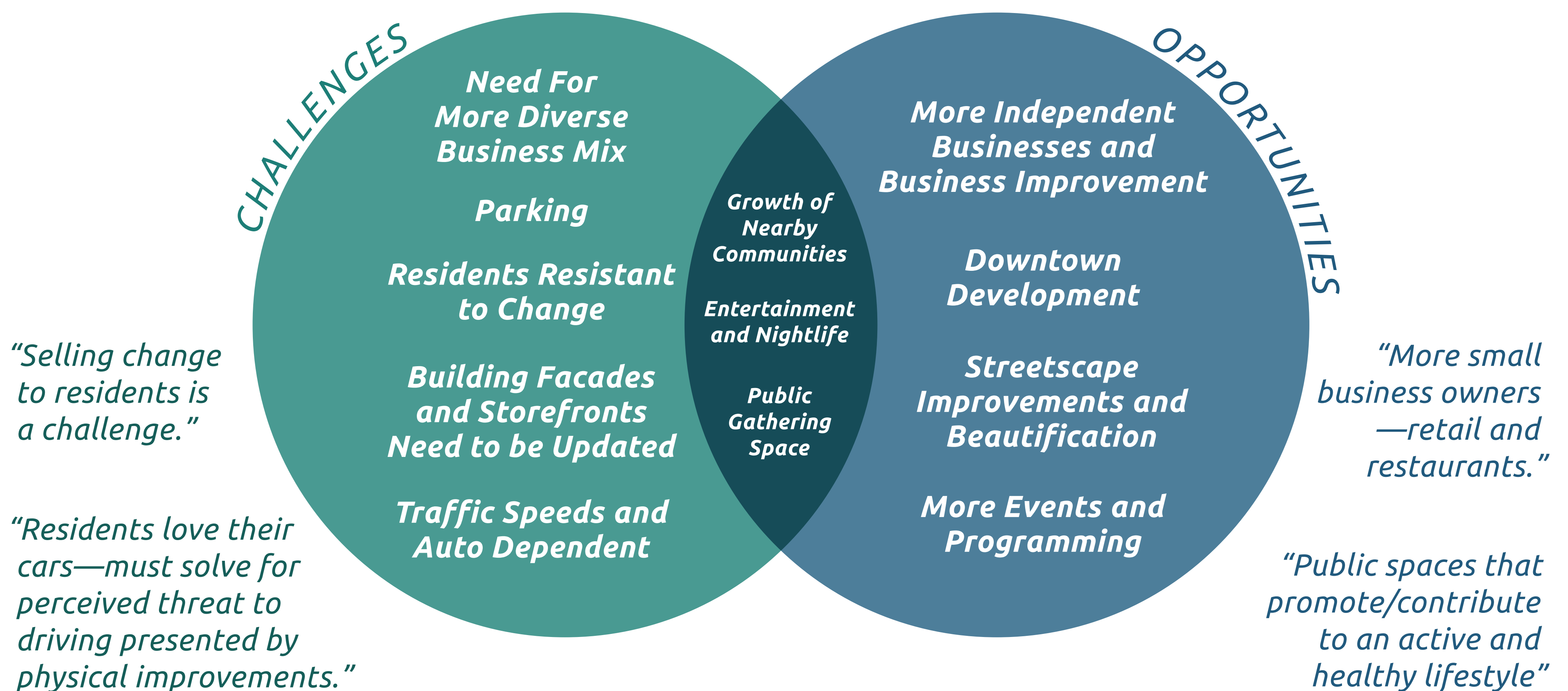
When asked to describe Downtown Berkley in a few words, a mixed impression emerges. Some of the most frequently used words describe Downtown as “dated” (old, worn, boring, etc.), though they also largely see its potential and its charm.



COMMUNITY INPUT

Strengths & Weaknesses

Survey respondents were asked about the greatest challenges currently facing Downtown Berkley, as well as what opportunities Downtown Berkley should pursue over the next decade. Common responses regarding both challenges and opportunities are outlined in the middle.

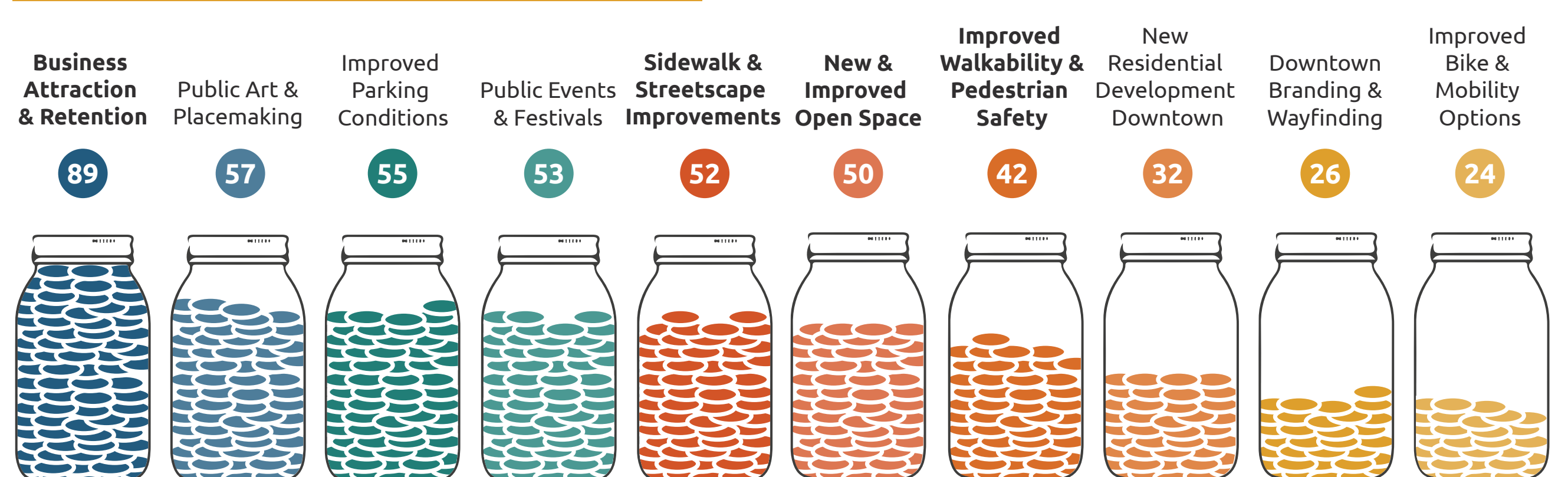


Priority Initiatives

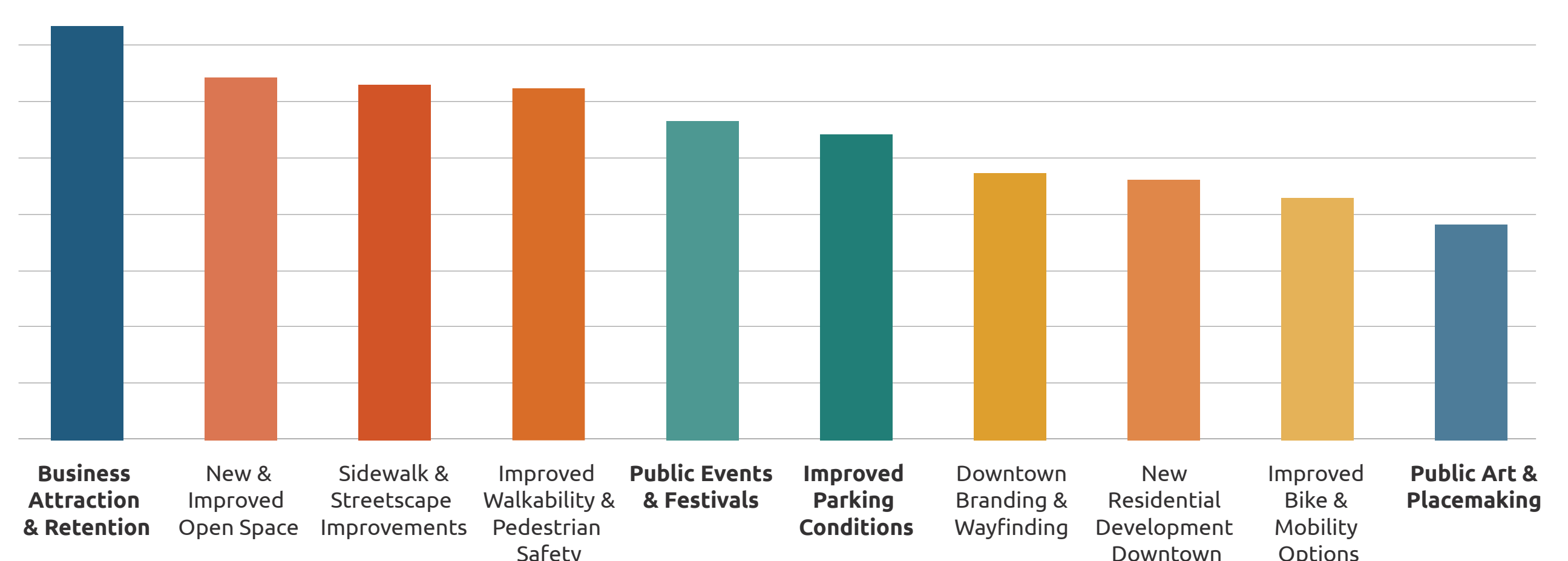
During the Community Open House, attendees were given five coins to distribute among a number of jars, each labeled with their own downtown initiative. A similar exercise was included on the online survey, where respondents were asked to rank the same downtown initiatives.

Though the top results from each exercise may be at odds, it's important to note that aside from the Business Attraction and Retention initiative, the next six highest ranked initiatives in both exercises are all within a close range.

COIN EXERCISE RESULTS



SURVEY PRIORITY RANKING



STATION 1: INTRODUCTION

COMMUNITY INPUT

Big Map Exercise Results

Attendees at the Community Open House and the Field Office were presented with large maps of Twelve Mile Road and Coolidge Highway in Downtown Berkley. Each person was given a set of numbered stickers, each with a corresponding comment card. The stickers were categorized into opportunities (design, public space, development, and general) and issues (parking, pedestrian, and general). The following summarizes the results, as presented in the figures below.

OPPORTUNITIES Design Opportunities



Locations for design opportunities centered around two main locations—Hartfield Lanes bowling alley at Twelve Mile and Buckingham, and at the intersection of Coolidge and Twelve Mile. Most comments mentioned more landscaping, public art, and decorative lighting as highly desirable.

Public Space Opportunities



Though public space opportunities were identified around the Downtown, the three most common locations were between Clark's and Odd Fellows on Twelve Mile, at Robina and Twelve Mile, and near Berkley High School on Coolidge. Additional ideas included activating the High School parking on Coolidge by adding a green wall with seating, and programming art installations at Dorothea and Coolidge.

Development Opportunities



Community members identified development opportunities throughout the Downtown—indicating a high level of support for both new mixed-use development and adaptive use projects.

General Opportunities



The most common locations for general opportunity stickers occur on Coolidge, near the Berkley Community Garden and the Stantec office building, where comments suggested the installation of new murals. Other opportunity comments note good locations for restaurants, breweries, and coffee shops, as well as buildings that need improvements, such as the Council Thrift Building on Twelve Mile.

ISSUES Parking Issues



The majority of identified parking issues occur in the lots on the south side of Twelve Mile between Griffith and Tyler. The lots on the south side of Twelve Mile at Thomas were also identified, as were some residential streets where overnight parking is an issue. Fewer parking issues were identified on Coolidge, though comments note that more parking will be needed for Coolidge to grow. The lot at Coolidge and Dorothea was identified as one that should be reconfigured to allow the area to be used as a public space.

Pedestrian Issues



Pedestrian issues were identified throughout Downtown Berkley. Comments indicate the need for more places to cross Twelve Mile—particularly at Robina, where many suggested a new crosswalk. The parking lot south of Twelve Mile at Robina was also noted as a pedestrian hazard. On Coolidge, many mentioned the need for additional crosswalks to make the area safer for high school students.

General Issues



The locations and comments in the general issues category are generally well-represented in the other topics. These include the need for sidewalk improvements, unsafe crossings, unsightly buildings, and traffic speeds. Specific issues include the need to better educate drivers and pedestrians on how to use the Coolidge enhanced crosswalks, and the potential to improve the space between Clark's and Odd Fellows.

